

2018 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

Rules and Regulations for Students and Teachers

General Information

The 9th Congressional District's 2018 art competition is open to high school students (grades 9-12) who reside in Indiana's 9th Congressional District. Seventh and eighth graders can participate if the school houses grades seven through twelve on one campus.

Submissions should focus on the theme of 'Traditions' and students are permitted to submit up to two entries.

Artwork **must be two-dimensional** and **must be framed** before submission.

Accepted types of art include paintings, drawings, collages, prints, mixed media, computer-generated art, and photographs. It is recommended that charcoal and pastel drawings be fixed.

Each framed piece of artwork can be **no larger than 26 inches high by 26 inches wide by 4 inches deep, including the frame**. Framed artwork should weigh no more than 15 pounds. Framed works larger than 26" x 26" x 4" or over 15 lbs. will be turned away.

Each entry must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate U.S. copyright laws.

The window for submissions will be between March 1st and April 11th and art will be on display for judging for approximately one month following the submission deadline.

It is the responsibility of the student to deliver their piece(s) to one of Representative Hollingsworth's district offices (*321 Quartermaster Ct., Jeffersonville, IN 47130 or 720 Executive Park Dr. Ste. 3000B, Greenwood, IN 46143*), either in person or by mail. For schools with multiple entries, Rep. Hollingsworth's staff may be able to arrange pick up and return of pieces.

Four submissions will be selected as winners in this year's competition. The *Grand Prize* winner will have their piece displayed in the U.S. Capitol Building. The *Runner Up* will have their artwork displayed in the Washington, D.C. office of Representative Trey Hollingsworth. The *Third-Place* winner will have their artwork displayed in the Jeffersonville office and *Honorable Mention* will have their artwork displayed in the Greenwood office. **All four winning pieces will be displayed for one year.**

Student Information and Release Form

Each entrant must submit a Student Information and Release Form. The Student Information and Release form is included in the packet that was sent to your school and can also be downloaded at <https://hollingsworth.house.gov/art>.

The form should be filled out entirely. Students should include their mailing addresses, if it differs from their home address. Students should also include contact information that will be valid for at least one year to ensure winning artwork can be returned at the duration of the display.

The form requires a description of the artwork, which should be detailed, clearly identifying the major elements of the work. For example, *“self-portrait”* or *“a picture of two people”* would be unacceptable, since many works of art could fit those descriptions. The following is an example of a useful description: *“A painting of two people; the person on the left wears a green sweater and khaki pants; the person on the right wears a black shirt and a striped skirt. A dog sits at their feet.”*

The second page of the Student Information and Release form contains a legal release and a certification that the artwork is original in design and execution. The student, an art teacher, and a parent/guardian must sign where appropriate. **Entries without signed originality certifications and artwork releases will not be accepted.**

A ***TYPED*** copy of the Student Information and Release Form, signed by the teacher, a parent/guardian, and the student ***must be*** securely attached to the back of all framed submissions.

Framing Guidelines

Framing regulations apply to all submitted artwork. Your artwork must be delivered to the Greenwood District office or the Jeffersonville District office in a frame. The artwork can be no larger than 26” x 26” x 4”, including the frame. Frames must be made of wood or metal. No plastic “snap on” or metal frames that can easily come apart are to be used.

Plexiglas or glass must protect all artwork, except paintings in oil or acrylic on canvas. Do not attach labels, ribbons, etc. to the front of the piece or underneath the glass or Plexiglas.

The artwork will be hung. Two sturdy eye hooks or the equivalent ***must*** be attached at the top right and left sides of the back of the frame for hanging to prevent the work from leaning forward or hanging unevenly. Wire between the hooks for hanging is recommended.

Judging of the Competition

This year's Congressional Art Competition submissions will be displayed for public viewing in various locations throughout the district from April 16th to May 6th. Submissions will also be displayed online through Facebook for further viewing and public voting. For details about these displays, please visit <https://Hollingsworth.house.gov/art> or Facebook.com/RepTrey.

Local leaders and artists from across the district, will judge the competition. The judges' scores will be worth 80% of the overall score with the number of "Likes" each submission receives on Facebook representing the other 20%.

The Congressional Art Competition winners will be announced on Wednesday, May 9th.

If you have questions about the contest, please contact Jordan dos Santos at 812-288-3999 or by email at Jordan.DosSantos@mail.house.gov